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Dear Interested Citizen:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has approved an agency-initiated modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). This modification adds corrective measures for SWMU 6-1, Landfill 1 (LF-001); SWMU 6-2, Landfill 2 (LF-002); and SWMU 6-4, Landfills 4, 5, and 6 (LF-008) to the KAFB RCRA permit. This approval becomes effective on July 3, 2004.

Written public comments were solicited by the NMED for a period of 45 days extending from January 16, 2004, to March 1, 2004. Comments concerning the draft permit were received from two citizen's organizations and from Kirtland Air Force Base. NMED's response to comments and the final permit language associated with the approved permit modification can be viewed at the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau offices located at 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87502 with prior arrangement by contacting the Bureau at (505) 428-2500. The final permit language and response to comments are also available on the NMED website at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/hwb/kafbperm.html> under Corrective Measures for Landfills. Revisions to the draft permit were made to the approved final permit based on comments received.

A request for hearing was made by Citizens Against Radioactive Dumping and the Highland Senior Citizens Panthers. After consideration of the request, the NMED did not grant the hearing.

Anyone affected by this final administrative action may file an appeal with the court of appeals within the next 30 days in accordance with provisions of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (74-4-14) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 20.4.1.901(H) NMAC. Any such appeal must be based on the record before the NMED Secretary.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (505) 428-2500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Manager
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